



[VIEDA Economic Development Commission to host Community Education Initiative for High School Students in the USVI](#)

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VIEDC to kick off education initiative at Ivanna Eudora Kean High School on St. Thomas

CHARLOTTE AMALIE, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands – April 3, 2016 - The Virgin Islands Economic Development Commission (VIEDC), a subsidiary entity of the Virgin Islands Economic Development Authority (VIEDA), will host the 2016 Community Education Initiative for high school students in the U.S. Virgin Islands regarding topics related to economic development. This initiative will begin with a presentation at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School (IEKHS) Library Media Center on Tuesday, April 5, 2016 at 9:30AM at 6501 Red Hook Plaza, St. Thomas, USVI. This event will be held for students enrolled in the business and/or vocational programs. Other interested students at the IEKHS are also invited to attend.

The purpose of this initiative is to educate the Territory's youth about economic development and the VIEDA's purpose and offerings. The goal of this initiative is to also help foster the entrepreneurial spirit within young people in the Territory, and encourage career choices within the USVI. The VIEDA continues to recognize that this type of activity is an integral part of encouraging economic growth in the USVI.

The topics to be discussed during the presentation will include information regarding the purpose of the VIEDA; how the programs and services at the VIEDA impact the quality of life and add value to the Territory; and the opportunities for future employment and entrepreneurship in the U.S. Virgin Islands, educational assistance, scholarships, and internships.

Representatives from the VIEDC, Economic Development Bank (EDB) and the Enterprise Zone Commission (EZC) will deliver presentations about their respective programs and services. The EDB promotes ownership and expansion of small and medium size businesses among Virgin Islands residents. The EZC works with residents and business owners to revitalize blighted and distressed communities that were once socially and economically vibrant.

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